

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2468/SB 1143

internet crimes against children; appropriation Prime Sponsor: Representative Boyer, LD 20/Senator Driggs, LD 28

DP Committee on Appropriations

DP Caucus and COW

X As Transmitted to the Governor

OVERVIEW

HB 2468 is an emergency measure that appropriates \$1.8 million from the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Enforcement Fund to the Attorney General (AG) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016.

PROVISIONS

- 1. Appropriates \$1.8 million from the ICAC Enforcement Fund to the AG in FY 2016 for the purpose of entering into one or more intergovernmental agreements to continue the operation of the federally recognized ICAC Task Force Program.
- 2. Exempts the appropriation from lapsing.
- 3. Contains an emergency clause.

CURRENT LAW

The ICAC Enforcement Fund receives \$900,000 annually from the proceeds of lottery games that are sold from vending machines in age-restricted areas (A.R.S. § 5-554). If proceeds do not provide sufficient funds for the \$900,000, unclaimed lottery prize money is used to backfill the difference (A.R.S. § 5-568).

Monies in the ICAC Enforcement Fund are used to allow the AG to enter into one or more intergovernmental agreements to continue the operation of the federally recognized ICAC Task Force Program, which coordinates investigations, forensic examinations and prosecutions related to technology-facilitated sexual exploitation of children and internet crimes against children. ICAC Enforcement Fund monies are subject to legislative appropriation (A.R.S. § 41-199).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<u>Laws 2015</u>, <u>Chapter 245</u> established the ICAC Enforcement Fund. Chapter 245 became effective immediately because there was an emergency clause included in the enacted legislation. As a result, deposits to the ICAC Enforcement Fund began in FY 2015; however, no monies were appropriated in FY 2015 or FY 2016. The ICAC Enforcement Fund is expected to have a balance of \$1.8 million by the end of FY 2016 (Please see the Joint Legislative Budget Committee <u>FY 2017 Baseline Book</u> for more information).